



Bonita Marie (Sengbusch) Klinzing

July 24, 1929 - February 18, 2026

Watch the funeral service: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wj2mXFJHI74>

Bonita Marie (Sengbusch) Klinzing, age 96, passed away unexpectedly at home on Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

Born on July 24, 1929, in Denmark, Wisconsin, Bonita was the beloved daughter of Hugo and Esther (Bruegge) Sengbusch. She graduated as Valedictorian of the Denmark High School Class of 1947, a reflection of the intelligence, determination, and work ethic that would define her life.

As a young woman, Bonita worked as a stenographer for a company providing supplies for World War II soldiers, later went on to work at Denmark State Bank. She also faithfully served as church secretary for Reverend Solomon Cramer, living out her deep-rooted faith through both word and action.

On November 26, 1954, she married the love of her life, Loren Klinzing. Together, they made their home on the farm in Ash Creek, Richland County, where she embraced the role of devoted farm wife and built a life centered on faith, family, and community.

Bonita was an active and cherished member of the Ash Creek United Methodist Church. She delighted many by telling jokes at the annual Mother & Child banquet and was known for providing countless baked goods for the annual Lord's Acre sale. Her generosity and warm spirit were woven into the

fabric of her church and community.

A talented seamstress, Bonita sewed custom drapes for both businesses and residences. She later worked at Schmitt Woodland Hills, retiring at the remarkable age of 81. She remained active throughout her life, enjoying water aerobics and later participating in Silver Sneakers at the Symons Recreation Center — with Monday's class unknowingly being her final one.

Bonita was known far and wide for her delicious baked goods. The aroma that greeted you upon entering her home was unforgettable — a scent of love, comfort, and hospitality. She hosted countless family meals and established treasured family traditions, including attending the Easter Sunrise Service followed by Easter at the Farm, as well as attending the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service followed by Christmas Eve at the Farm.

She was her grandchildren's "greatest fan," faithfully attending concerts and sporting events, cheering enthusiastically, and keeping track of points scored. This loving tradition continued with her great-grandchildren. She cherished playing cards, family game nights, and family vacations, and was always ready to lend a helping hand.

Bonita also had a gift of calligraphy, her handwriting was elegant and unmistakable, and she poured thoughtful care into every birthday card, holiday greeting, anniversary note, and word of encouragement she sent. In a world of hurried messages, she took the time to write beautifully and personally — each one filled with heartfelt sentiments, faith, and love. Extremely generous, loving, caring, and comforting, Bonnie was the matriarch, pillar, and rock of her family. Known affectionately by many names — Bonita, Bonnie, Bunny, Mom, Grandma, GiGi, Aunt Bonnie, and Dear Friend — she will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

She is lovingly remembered by her children: James (Sara) Klinzing and Debra Klinzing (Daniel Sommer); her grandchildren: Jimmy Klinzing, Brittany (Adam) Niemeyer, and Celia (Zach) Zeman; and her treasured great-grandchildren: Tessa and Tucker Niemeyer; Peyton and Paxton Zeman; and Chloe Klinzing. She is also survived by her closest friend, Doris Schmidt; nieces and

nephews: Jane Klinzing; Mary (Bruce) McKay; David (Tammy) Klinzing; Wayne (Mary Van De Hay) Sengbusch; Wendy (Don Mielke) Yingling; Scott (Kathy Bragg) Sengbusch; LeRoy Johnson; Keith (Gail) Sengbusch; Bruce (Teri) Sengbusch; Cyndi Oliver; and Debi Lutzke; along with her beloved Ash Creek Church Family, Schmitt Woodland Hills Family, and Symons Rec. Silver Sneakers Family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hugo and Esther Sengbusch; her beloved husband, Loren Klinzing; her brothers, Kenwood, Ralph, Roy, and Norman Sengbusch; her brothers-in-law, Everette Klinzing and Reverend Solomon Cramer; her sisters-in-law, Irene Cramer, Helen Klinzing, Marcella Sengbusch, and Shirley Sengbusch; her nephews, Norman Sengbusch Jr., Eugene Sengbusch, Paul Klinzing, and Brian Sengbusch; and her niece, Cheryl Johnson.

Bonita's legacy of faith, generosity, humor, and unwavering love will continue through the many lives she touched. Her presence was a blessing; her memory will forever be a treasure.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at Ash Creek United Methodist Church, County Highway O, rural Richland Center. Guests are welcome to arrive beginning at 10:00 a.m. The family will share readings and prayers in honor of Bonnie's life. Fellowship and light refreshments will follow the service. The Clary Memorial Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Click on the link to watch the funeral service: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wj2mXFJHI74>

Cemetery Details

Ash Creek Cemetery

Orion Township, Richland County
647-3225

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ash Creek United Methodist Church
28820 Henry Clark Ln
Richland Center, WI 53581

Celebration of Life

FEB 28. 11:00 AM - 11:40 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JK

“ mom !! thank you for being so loving and caring to all that you knew, and for deb and i we were so lucky to have you and dad as our parents, we love and miss you so much, the impact that you had on us mom will always be remembered and thank you for all the times we needed you and you were always there, rest in peace now mom and we know your with dad and all your loved ones in heaven, we will meet again , love you always your son

j klinzing - March 09 at 09:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonita Marie (Sengbusch) Klinzing.



February 26 at 08:39 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bonita Marie (Sengbusch) Klinzing.



February 26 at 01:50 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bonita Marie (Sengbusch) Klinzing.*



February 26 at 11:29 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bonita Marie (Sengbusch) Klinzing.*



February 25 at 12:12 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bonita Marie (Sengbusch) Klinzing.*



February 23 at 09:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bonita Marie (Sengbusch) Klinzing.*



February 23 at 07:22 PM



“ 83 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clary Memorial Funeral Home - February 23 at 04:01 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Bonita Marie (Sengbusch) Klinzing.*



February 23 at 03:37 PM



“ *My condolences to Deb and her family, I remember going too our girls games in school and sitting next to her and during halftime's talking about recipes or just talking about other things such a Wonderful lady so cheerful whenever you meet her an angel for sure* ❤️

Penny Bloedow - February 22 at 05:22 PM

JS

“ My heartfelt condolences to James and Debra. I grew up, on Ash creek, knowing Bonnie and Loren. My very dear precious neighbors. I spent endless hours at their home. Bonnie and I spent a lot of time in the kitchen baking. She taught me soooo much. I will never forget this precious lady. Her and Loren are together again. God bless you Bonnie! You will be sooo missed but never forgotten!

Judy Stafford - February 21 at 05:32 PM

CP

“ I met Bonnie several years ago at Symons. She was wearing a t-shirt that said "Wild Thing," and I smiled and we chatted and became quick friends. She always had a smile to share as we chatted between classes about local news, her family, recipes, etc. A dedicated friend to Doris, those two just made my day! Bonnie was an inspiration, and will be deeply missed. I am thankful I got to know her.

Colleen Pulvermacher - February 20 at 06:07 PM

DN

“ So sorry for your lose. She was a amazing woman that God gave many years to enjoy with her beautiful families. Prayers to you all. Glen and Deb Niemeyer

Deb Niemeyer - February 20 at 04:40 PM

KD

“ Deb, I am saddened to hear of your Mom's passing, it is always hard to lose your Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. Remember because of her kind, generous, giving spirit during her lifetime, her reward will be heavenly. Kara

Kara Deans - February 20 at 10:30 AM

CL

“ Sending the family love and sympathy from Arizona.



Christina Laurent - February 20 at 08:52 AM

VW

“ My sympathy to Debbie and her family and her brother and his family Bonnie was a wonderful person and always had a smile She was be missed by all who knew her



Virginia Wiedenfeld - February 19 at 09:19 PM

BM

My memory of Bonnie was from many years ago. We lived on ash creek the Dosch family and belonged to the 4h. We would ride our bicycles from our farm down to Bonnie's house she would help us learn to sew. I can't remember what we made but she was always so helpful it was like she was helping us sew love into our projects. My sympathy goes out to her family and friends may she rest in peace knowing your all together. God bless all of you! The Dosch family!!

Betty Morel - February 19 at 11:31 PM

Joyce Storms

“ Our thoughts are with Bonnies entire family! She was sure loved by her family and friends. Our sincere sympathy to you all

Joyce Storms - February 19 at 05:33 PM

CS

“ My heart is breaking over this news. Bonnie was a beautiful woman with a beautiful soul. She **ADORED** and **LOVED** her family and was at their sports activities, family vacations and many family gatherings. She had already earned her wings here on Earth so her journey to Heaven was a quick one. She will leave a huge hole in your family but rejoice in the fact that she is with God now. Cherish those memories. She will continue to watch over you all. Love and hugs to you all.

Chris Storer - February 19 at 12:41 PM